

(b) An investigation had been conducted and it was reported that the bridge with approaches would cost more than Rs. 50,000. A *junghar* service meets the demand of the present traffic. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that the construction of the bridge may wait till traffic develops.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (b) may I know whether Government are aware that traffic has not developed because of the absence of the bridge?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The report of the Chief Engineer after enquiry is that the traffic at present is not sufficient to justify the expenditure.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when the Chief Engineer submitted his report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Before November 1926.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the report was submitted after the Chief Engineer made a personal local inspection?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now. I claim notice of that question.

Director of Ayurveda.

141. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any officer is appointed as the Director of Ayurveda, and, if so, the date of his appointment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. K. Sankara Menon was appointed as Director of Ayurveda on the 1st Chingam 1093 and he is still the Director. Now he is on 4 months' leave and the Inspector of *Vaidyasalas* has been put in charge of the department in addition to his own duties.

Toll-gate Contractors.

142. MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is with their sanction that the toll-gate contractors have put more than one barrier on the road at almost all the places where toll-gates have been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, the reason for allowing them when the public are complaining of the delay caused by even one gate at a place?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The Government have not given any such sanction, nor are they aware of the existence of more than one barrier at a toll-gate, except where there are subsidiary toll-gates. These barriers are not permanent fixtures and are removed on the approach of vehicles or animals.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Roads and Canals in the State.

143. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the respective length of the roads and canals per square mile in each taluk in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to page 271 of the Travancore Almanac and Directory for 1928 for the area, in square miles, of each taluk, and to pages 183 and 184 of the *Statistics of Travancore* for 1102, (8th issue) for the length of roads and canals in each taluk. The calculation of the length of roads and canals per square mile is only an arithmetical operation.

Statement, by caste, of Officers in the Forest Department.

144. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities among the Deputy Rangers, Rangers, Assistant Conservators and Deputy Conservators in the Forest Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of Officers appointed by the Conservator of Forests.

145. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities, appointed in the Forest Department, since the date of appointment of the present Conservator of Forests up to the 10th Kanni 1104?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of Sub-Registrars and District Registrars.

146. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities among the Sub-Registrars and the District Registrars in the Registration Department?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A statement‡ by castes of Sub-Registrars and District Registrars is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of Sanitary Circle Officers and Inspectors.

147. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and

* *Vide* Appendix III—page 229.

† *Vide* Appendix IV—page 230.

‡ *Vide* Appendix V—page 231.